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SUBJECT: BILATERAL BETWEEN SECRETARY AND CHAVAN OCTOBER 6

1. SUMMARY. THE SECRETARY AND CHAVAN HAD COMPREHENSIVE AND FRIENDLY DISCUSSION DURING BILATERAL AFTER THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE OPENING SESSION OF THE INDO-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION OCT. 6. THEY ALSO HAD SHORT SECOND TALK AFTER SIGNING CEREMONY OCT. 7 (REPORTED SEPTTEL). BOTH EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. AND INDIA HAVE COMMON INTERESTS IN PEACE, STABILITY AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. WHILE WE WOULD NOT AGREE
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ON ALL ISSUES, DIFFERENCES NEED NOT PREVENT A STRENGTHENING

OF RELATIONS. ON BANGLADESH, CHAVAN EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE POTENTIAL STRENGTH OF PRO-PAKISTANI AND PRO-CHINESE ELEMENTS. THE SECRETARY SAID THE U.S. SUPPORTED GOOD INDIA-BANGLADESH RELATIONS. ON PAKISTAN, CHAVAN SAID INDIA WAS INTERESTED IN NORMALIZATION BUT WAS PUZZLED BY THE PAK ATTITUDE. ON U.S. MILITARY SUPPLY POLICY, THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THE U.S. WAS NOT GOING TO UPSET THE SOUTH ASIA POWER EQUATION AND WAS THINKING ONLY OF A MOD-EST PROGRAM OF SALES. THE SECRETARY ADVISED CHAVAN OF HIS UPCOMING CHINA TRIP. ON CHINA, THE SECRETARY SAID PEKING REGARDS THE INDIANS AS AN EXTENSION OF SOVIET POLICY. CHAVAN EMPHASIZED THIS WAS A WRONG VIEW. THE SECRETARY ALSO EXPLAINED THE U.S. POSITION ON THE

ADMISSION OF THE VIETNAMS TO THE UN. END SUMMARY.

2. THE SESSION COMMENCED WITH A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. CHAVAN SAID HE FELT THERE WAS NO CLASH OF INTERESTS BETWEEN INDIA AND THE U.S. OUR DIFFERENCES AROSE BECAUSE OF DIFFERING PHYSICAL LOCATIONS AND GEO-POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. THESE NEED NOT COME IN THE WAY OF A LONG-TERM STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS. CHAVAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S EFFORTS FOR DETENTE, MENTIONING VIETNAM, HELSINKI AND THE MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID BOTH THE U.S. AND INDIA HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN PEACE, STABILITY AND COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC MATTERS, AND THIS SHOULD PROVIDE A BROADER BASE FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP, WHATEVER DIFFERENCES MIGHT ARISE. IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, CHAVAN ASSERTED INDIA WAS USING ITS INFLUENCE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER. IT URGED MODERATION IN THE HANDLING OF THE PUERTO RICAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUES IN LIMA AND SIMILARLY WANTED A CONSTRUCTIVE RESULT FROM THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION DELIBERATIONS.

3. THE SECRETARY AGREED THAT THE U.S. AND INDIA SHARED AN INTEREST IN PEACE, STABILITY AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. HE SAW NO CLASH OF INTERESTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND FELT THAT RELATIONS SHOULD BE COOPERATIVE WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT EACH COUNTRY HAS ITS OWN GEO-POLITICAL CONCERNS WHICH WOULD PREVENT A TOTAL CONGRUENCE. WHERE
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DIFFERENCES AROSE, THESE SHOULD BE HANDLED PRIVATELY THROUGH DIALOGUE. WE HAVE NO COMPLAINT ABOUT INDIA'S POSITION IN RECENT MONTHS AMONG THENON-ALIGNEDAND WE APPRECIATED THE GOI ATTITUDE ON PUERTO RICO. BOTH CH AN AND THE SECRETARY AGREED THAT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION HAD IMPROVED THE ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. TURNING TO SOUTH ASIA, CHAVAN EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN BANGLADESH. INDIA WAS SHOCKED BY THE KILLING OF MUJIB AND HIS FAMILY, ALTHOUGH IT WAS TREATING THIS AS AN INTERNAL MATTER. THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAD ASSURED INDIA IT WAS NOT CHANGING ITS POLICY BUT DELHI WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL STRENGTH OF "EXTREME ISLAMIC" ELEMENTS AND ALSO REVOLUTIONARY LEFT COMMUNISTS. INDIA WAS NOT CONCERNED, THE MINISTER SAID, ABOUT BANGLADESH HAVING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN AND CHINA. IN FACT, IT HAD RECOMMENDED THIS TO MUJIB. ITS CONCERN WAS THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD CHANGE ITS POLICY IN THE DIRECTION OF ISLAMIC EXTREMISM AND THIS WOULD LEAD TO TROUBLE FOR THE HINDU MINORITY. THE INDIANS SAID THEY WERE ALSO WORRIED THAT THE CHINESE WOULD TRY TO STIR UP TROUBLE IN BANGLADESH WITH THE COMMUNIST GROUPS.

5. CHAVAN HOPED THE U.S. AND INDIA WOULD HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN BANGLADESH. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT WE SAW A REQUIREMENT FOR GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND INDIA. WE HAD NO INTEREST IN TRYING TO WEAVE BANGLADESH INTO SOME COMPLICATED POWER GAME. BANGLADESH SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WHAT INFLUENCE WE HAVE THERE, WE WILL USE TO ENCOURAGE GOOD RELATIONS WITH INDIA.

6. REGARDING PAKISTAN, CHAVAN SAID INDIA WAS CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS TOWARD NORMALIZATION BUT THE PAKISTANIS WERE DRAGGING THEIR FEET. WHILE THEY HAD NICE WORDS TO SAY IN PRIVATE WITH THE INDIANS, THE PAKISTANIS WERE RUNNING AROUND CLAIMING INDIA WAS ABOUT TO ATTACK PAKISTAN, TRYING TO GET MONEY FOR ARMS AND ACTING IN A WAY THAT SET BACK THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION. CHAVAN SAID THE INDIANS

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DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO BUT THEY WERE PATIENT.

7. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT WE KEEP HEARING FROM THE PAKS THAT THE INDIANS WERE THREATENING THEM. HE SAID MOST RECENTLY THE PAKS HAD TOLD US OF A CHANGE IN LANGUAGE THE INDIANS USED IN AIDE MEMOIRES RELATING TO KASHMIR. IN THE PAST THE INDIANS TALKED OF SAFEGUARDING THEIR POSITION ON KASHMIR BY "PEACEFUL" MEANS. THIS TIME THEY OMITTED THE WORD "PEACEFUL." KEWAL SINGH SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE PAKS WERE DRIVING AT. THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN INDIA'S POLICY. CHAVAN EMPHASIZED THIS, SAYING INDIA STOOD BY THE SIMLA PROCESS AND IT WAS ABSURD TO TALK OF AN INDIAN THREAT.

8. CHAVAN SPOKE BRIEFLY ABOUT THE QUESTION OF U.S.

MILITARY SUPPLY POLICY. HE STRESSED THAT ANY "SIGNIFICANT SUPPLY OF SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS" TO PAKISTAN WOULD CREATE TENSIONS. HE SAID THAT INDIA WAS FRANKLY WORRIED ABOUT THIS AND WANTED US TO KNOW THEIR FEELING. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT WE HAD NO INTEREST IN UPSETTING THE BASIC POWER EQUATION IN SOUTH ASIA. WE RECOGNIZED INDIA AS THE DOMINANT FACT THERE AND ANY ATTEMPT TO CREATE NEW POWER EQUATIONS WOULD BE SELF-DEFEATING. HE SAID THAT WE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE SELLING SOMETHING TO PAKISTAN BUT WE ARE THINKING OF A RATHER MODEST PROGRAM.

9. THE SECRETARY INFORMED THE MINISTER THAT HE WILL BE GOING TO CHINA OCTOBER 19 FOR A GENERAL REVIEW AND A DISCUSSION OF A POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL TRIP. CHAVAN SAID THAT THE INDIANS WERE WORRIED ABOUT THE CHINESE APPROACH AND ASKED THE SECRETARY'S VIEWS. THE SECRETARY COMMENTED THAT IN SOUTH EAST ASIA THE CHINESE WERE WORRIED ABOUT

INDO-CHINA. THEY WERE CONCERNED THAT THE AREA WOULD BE DOMINATED BY HANOI AND THAT HANOI WOULD IN TURN LINE UP WITH THE SOVIETS AGAINST CHINA. WE HAVE A GENERAL INTEREST IN THE INDEPENDENCE OF INDO-CHINESE STATES AND DID NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF TALKS WITH VIETNAM. OUR OPPOSITION TO THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN WAS A SPECIAL CASE. WE SAW NO JUSTIFICATION FOR SOUTH VIETNAM'S COMING IN IF SOUTH KOREA WAS EXCLUDED. THIS WAS NOT A TEST CASE
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OF OUR POLICY TOWARD INDO- CHINA.

10. CHAVAN SAID HE FELT IT WAS HIS DUTY TO TELL THE SECRETARY THAT MANY NATIONS FELT STRONGLY ABOUT THE EXCLUSION OF SOUTH VIETNAM. THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT WE WERE NOT TRYING TO WIN THE WAR RETROACTIVELY. WE HAD NOTHING AGAINST THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN. INDEED, THE SECRETARY THOUGHT THAT IN TIME THEY WILL HAVE AN INTEREST IN NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH US, BUT OUR POSITION ON THE UN QUESTION WAS FIRM. WE WOULD NOT VOTE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM WHILE A GENUINE COUNTRY LIKE SOUTH KOREA IS EXCLUDED.

11. WITH REGARD TO THE CHINESE, THE SECRETARY SAID THEY LOOK AT INDIA AS AN EXTENSION OF SOVIET POLICY. CHAVAN STATED THAT THE CHINESE VIEW OF INDIA AS A SOVIET APPENDAGE WAS WRONG. MAYBE THE CHINESE BELIEVED IT BUT IT WAS NOT TRUE. AMBASSADOR KAUL SAID THAT IF CHINA WAS WORRIED, WHY DIDN'T THEY TRY TO WEAN INDIA AWAY FROM THE USSR? THE SECRETARY COMMENTED THAT MAYBE THE CHINESE THOUGHT THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO SO. KEWAL SINGH SAID THAT THE INDIANS HAD MADE EVERY EFFORT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE CHINESE BUT HAD GOTTEN NO RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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